

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 14, 2006. Claims 1, 3 to 11, 19 to 22, 24, 25, 27 to 30, 32 to 34, 36 to 40 and 48 to 59 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3 to 11, 19, 22, 25, 27 to 30, 32 to 34, 36 to 40, 48, 52 and 56 to 59 have been amended, and Claims 1, 19, 25, 32, 33 and 48 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3 to 11, 19 to 22, 24, 25, 27 to 30, 32 to 34, 36 to 40 and 48 to 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,567,800 (Barrera) in view of Using Netscape, 1995 Que Corporation, pp. 56-57, 73-82 (Ernst) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,271,840 (Finseth). Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns presenting search results obtained from a search conducted over a computer network (or formatting an electronic document intended for reproduction by printing). According to one feature of the invention, a portion of fetched (or document) data including searching criteria is formatted into a document, wherein (i) the portion is presented (or reproduced) in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the fetched (or document) data, and (ii) the portion is formatted so that the searching criteria in the portion becomes distinguishable in the portion from other parts of the formatted portion.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 as amended is directed to a method of presenting search results obtained from a search conducted over a computer network, the search being performed using searching criteria and returning

information including a network location corresponding to each search result. The method includes the steps of fetching data associated with the network location corresponding to one of the search results, and examining the fetched data to identify therein the searching criteria to provide at least one specific location within the fetched data of the searching criteria. The method also includes the step of using the one specific location to identify a portion of the fetched data including at least the searching criteria. In addition, the method includes the step of formatting the portion including the searching criteria into a document, to present the portion in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the fetched data, the portion being formatted so that the searching criteria in the formatted portion becomes distinguishable in the formatted portion from other parts of the formatted portion. The above steps are repeated for each remaining search result in which the formatting step incorporates the corresponding formatted portion into the document.

Independent Claims 25 and 33 are respectively directed to an apparatus and a computer readable medium which are seen to generally correspond to Claim 1.

Independent Claim 19 as amended is directed to a method of formatting an electronic document intended for reproduction by printing. The method includes the step of obtaining, from a searching process, location information within a computer network of at least one search result returned by the searching process. The method also includes the step of using the location information to fetch and store document data from the computer network relating to each search result, the document data including at least a portion incorporating the searching criteria used to instigate the searching process. In addition, the method includes the step of formatting the document data including at least the portion into

a printable electronic document to thereby reproduce the portion in the printable electronic document in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the document data, wherein the document data is formatted so that the searching criteria in the portion becomes distinguishable in the portion from other parts of the portion.

Independent Claims 32 and 48 are respectively directed to an apparatus and a computer readable medium which are seen to generally correspond to Claim 19.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of the invention of the subject application. In particular, Barrera, Ernst and Finseth are not seen to disclose or suggest at least the feature that a portion of fetched (or document) data including searching criteria is formatted into a document, wherein (i) the portion is presented (or reproduced) in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the fetched (or document) data, and (ii) the portion is formatted so that the searching criteria in the portion becomes distinguishable in the portion from other parts of the formatted portion.

As understood by the Applicants, Barrera discloses Web searching with the use of an initial category search to narrow the scope of a search and then a second step of performing a keyword search on the content of the results of the category search. See Barrera, column 2, lines 55 to 65.

In its rejection of Claims 58 and 59, the Office Action alleged that Figure 10 of Barrera discloses distinguishing search criteria from other parts of the search results. In this regard, Figure 10 of Barrera is seen to display the expression “matching your query: ‘telephone’ ” above a search results area 1001 containing excerpts of content 1003.

Although Figure 10 of Barrera may be seen to disclose the display of a search term “telephone”, the search term is not seen to be included within a portion of a document. Rather, Barrera’s term “telephone” is merely depicted next to a “matching your query” field, both of which are presented in an area separate from search results 1001 containing excerpts of content 1003. As such, Barrera could not be seen to disclose that a portion of fetched (or document) data including searching criteria is formatted into a document, so that the searching criteria in the portion becomes distinguishable in the portion from other parts of the formatted portion.

Furthermore, and as acknowledged at page 4 of the Office Action, Barrera does not disclose or suggest that the portion is presented (or reproduced) in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the fetched (or document) data. However, the Office Action cites to Finseth for this alleged disclosure.

As understood by Applicants, Finseth discloses a visual index method in which a page renderer transmits as output reduced images of web pages associated with search results. See Finseth, column 2, lines 35 to 45; and Figures 5 to 8. In addition, Finseth is seen to define a web page in its entirety, as internet files available for browsing on both a text and graphics basis. See Finseth, column 1, lines 20 to 21.

Although Finseth may be seen to disclose that web pages are output as reduced images, nothing in Finseth is seen to disclose or suggest the formatting of a portion of fetched (or document data). Rather, as noted above, Finseth is seen to disclose that a web page is output in its entirety. As such, Finseth could not be seen to disclose or suggest that a portion of fetched (or document) data including searching criteria is formatted into a

document, wherein the portion is presented (or reproduced) in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the fetched (or document) data. Furthermore, Finseth is not seen to disclose or suggest that the portion is formatted so that the searching criteria in the portion becomes distinguishable in the portion from other parts of the formatted portion.

As such, even if Barrera and Finseth are combined in the manner proposed in the Office Action (assuming for argument's sake that such combination would be permissible), the result would not teach at least the feature that a portion of fetched (or document) data including searching criteria is formatted into a document, wherein (i) the portion is presented (or reproduced) in the same manner as if presented within the entirety of the fetched (or document) data, and (ii) the portion is formatted so that the searching criteria in the portion becomes distinguishable in the portion from other parts of the formatted portion.

In addition, Ernst has been reviewed and is not seen to compensate for the deficiencies of Barrera and Finseth.

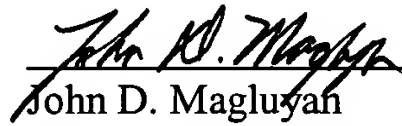
Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 1, 19, 25, 32, 33 and 48 as amended are believed to be allowable over the applied references.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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